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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Application No.: 10/806,307
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Applicant: Gregory A. Stobbs, et al.
Group Art Unit: 2162
Examiner: Jean M. Corrielus
Title: COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED PATENT PORTFOLIO
ANALYSIS METHOD AND APPARATUS
Attorney Docket: 9305-000002/DVA

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, Applicants hereby submit a new page 3 "III. Status of Claims" which identifies the appealed claims, and request that this sheet be substituted in place of the original page 3 of Applicants' Appeal Brief.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled.

Claims 11-20 are presently pending in this application. Claims 11-20 stand rejected as follows:

Claims 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,038,561 to Snyder et al, and US 6,233,575 to Agrawal.

Claims 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,038,561 to Snyder et al, in view of US 6,233,575 to Agrawal and further in view of Andrew "Text classification by bootstrapping with keywords EM and Shrinkage." (Note that applicants are referring to the "Andrew" reference by the same name as used by the Examiner in the Office Action. The authors of the cited reference are: Andrew McCallum and Kamal Nigam; thus applicants believe the Examiner has chosen to identify this reference by the *first name* of the first-named author.)

Identity of appealed claims:

Claims 13-20 are being appealed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable over the references of record. Reversal of the Examiner's ruling and allowance of this application is therefore courteously solicited

Respectfully submitted,

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